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SUBJECT: MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS - SUBMISSIONS TO
UNSYG FOR USE BY EXPERTS GROUP

REF: STATE 169345

1. POL COUNSELOR MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL ON JULY 27
TO MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS COUNSELOR TEODOR
MELESCANU, LAYING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CEAUSESCU STATEMENTS
CALLING FOR REDUCTIONS OF MILITARY BUDGZWS. MELESCANU STATED
THAT GOR HAD RECEIVED UNSYG REPORT A/31/222 AND HAD REFERRED
IT FOR COMMENT TO BUDGET AUTHORITIES IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.
NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED YET, EXPLAINING REASON WHY GOR HAD
NOT SUBMITTED COMMENTS IN ACCORD WITH UN RESOLUTION 31/87.
MELESCANU ADDED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY READ THE REPORT AND
HAD FOUND IT TO BE EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.

2. DRAWING ON PARA 6 REFTEL, POL COUNSELOR MADE POINT
THAT POLITICAL WILL IS ESSENTIAL TO OVERCOME NATURAL
RELUCTANCE OF MILITARY BUDGET AUTHORITIES TO ENGAGE IN
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A PROCESS WHOSE END RESULT COULD BE A REDUCTION IN THEIR
FUNDS. MELESCANU STATED THAT, GIVEN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S
PERSONAL INTEREST IN ALL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS,
WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT SUCH A WILL WITHIN GOR DOES EXIST.
HE PROMISED TO CALL ATTENTION OF SENIOR AUTHORITIES TO OUR
DEMARCHE, BUT VOLUNTEERED "PERSONAL" COMMENT THAT AN INITIAL
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO REDUCE MILITARY BUDGETS IS MORE

IMPORTANT THAN DETAILS OF A REPORTING MECHANISM. POL COUNSELOR COUNTERED THAT UN EFFORT COULD BE USEFUL FIRST STEP TOWARD SUCH A GOAL AND THAT IT BEHOOVES ALL NATIONS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN ARMS CONTROL TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO WORK OF EXPERTS GROUP.

3. MELESCANU OFFERED NO COMMENTS ON WHETHER THIS SUBJECT IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY GOR AT BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH GIVEN SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS AND OTHER FAVORITE ROMANIAN BASKET I THEMES WILL INDEED BE AIRED AT BELGRADE.
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